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Louisiana Crop Acreage

Louisiana farmers altered some of their March 1 planting intentions in response to weather conditions. Wet weather in March and early April, followed by little or no rain throughout the state in May and June changed things. Growers planted more corn and sweet potato acres than they intended in March, but soybean and sorghum acres remain unchanged from the intentions estimates in March.

Rice planted acreage is estimated at 420,000 acres, down 120,000 acres from 2010 and down 50,000 acres from March intentions. Long grain varieties are expected to account for 390,000 acres and medium grain for the remaining 30,000 acres.

Soybean planted acreage is expected to total 1,050,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from a year ago but unchanged from March intentions.

Cotton planted acreage is expected to total 280,000 acres, up 25,000 acres from last year but 10,000 acres below March intentions.

Corn planted acreage is estimated at 570,000 acres, up 60,000 acres from a year ago and up 50,000 acres from March intentions.

Grain sorghum planted acreage is estimated at 160,000 acres, up 78,000 acres from 2010 but unchanged from March intentions.

Sugarcane acreage for harvest (sugar and seed) is estimated at 420,000 acres, unchanged from last year.

Sweet potato planted acreage in the state, at 15,000 acres, is up 1,500 acres from a year ago and up 1,000 acres from the March intentions estimates.

An estimated 200,000 acres were planted to **winter wheat** for the 2011 crop, up 75,000 acres from the 2010 crop year; an estimated 190,000 acres were harvested for grain.

All **hay** acreage intended for harvest is estimated at 400,000 acres, down 50,000 acres from 2010 but unchanged from March intentions.

United States Crop Acreage

Area planted to **rice** in 2011 is estimated at 2.7 million acres, down 26 percent from 2010 and the lowest planted acreage since 1987. Area for harvest is forecasted at 2.7 million acres, down 27 percent from last year. In all states except California, severe drought conditions, excessive flooding and higher prices for competing commodities contributed to the decline in rice acres compared to last year. Area planted to rice in Arkansas, the largest rice-producing state, is at the lowest level since 1989.

The 2011 **soybean** planted area is estimated at 75.2 million acres, down three percent from 2010. Planted area decreased from last year in 21 out of 31 states and is the lowest since 2007. Area for harvest is forecast at 74.3 million acres, also down three percent from 2010.

The 2011 **all cotton** planted area is estimated at 13.7 million acres, 25 percent above last year. Upland cotton acreage is estimated at 13.4 million acres, up 25 percent from 2010. American Pima acreage is estimated at 289,000 acres, up 42 percent from 2010.

Cotton planting got off to a slow start this year due in large part to dry conditions across much of the cotton belt. However, planting gained speed in May and by month's end, 73 percent of the cotton acreage had been planted.

The 2011 **corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 92.3 million acres, up five percent from last year and the second highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944, behind only 93.5 million acres planted in 2007. Growers expect to harvest 84.9 million acres for grain, up four percent from last year.

Area planted to **sorghum** in 2011 is estimated at 5.4 million acres, down one percent from 2010. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 4.6 million acres, down five percent from last year.

Harvested area of **sugarcane** for sugar and seed is forecast at 889,000 acres for the 2011 crop year, up one percent from a year ago. The sugarcane growing areas in Louisiana and Florida are experiencing extreme drought conditions.

Planted area of **sweet potatoes** is expected to total 132,600 acres for the 2011 season, up 11 percent from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 128,200 acres, ten percent higher than 2010.

All **wheat** planted area is estimated at 56.4 million acres, up five percent from 2010. The 2011 winter wheat planted area, at 41.1 million acres, is up ten percent from last year. Of this total, about 29.1 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 8.3 million acres are Soft Red winter and 3.7 million acres are White Winter.

Planted Acreage, June 1, 2011

Crop	Louisiana			United States		
	2010	2011	%Change	2010	2011	% Change
	-----Thousand Acres-----			-----Thousand Acres-----		
Corn	510	570	+12	88,192	92,282	+5
Upland Cotton	255	280	+10	10,974	13,725	+25
Rice, All	540	420	-22	3,636	2,676	-26
Sorghum	82	160	+95	5,404	5,345	-1
Soybeans	1,030	1,050	+2	77,404	75,208	-3
Sweet Potatoes	13.5	15.0	+11	119.8	132.6	+11
Winter Wheat	125	200	+60	37,335	41,108	+10
Hay ¹	450	400	-11	59,862	57,605	-4
Sugarcane ^{1,2}	420	420	---	877.5	889.0	+1

¹ Harvested Acres

² For sugar and seed

Producers intend to harvest 57.6 million acres of all **hay** in 2011, down four percent from 2010. Expected harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, at 19.3 million acres, is down three percent from

2010. Expected area for harvest for all other types of hay totals 38.3 million acres, down four percent from 2010.

Louisiana and U.S. Grain Stocks, June 1, 2010-2011

Item	Louisiana ¹		United States	
	June 1		June 1	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
	----- Thousand Bushels -----		----- Thousand Bushels -----	
Corn				
On Farm			2,131,400	1,681,500
Off Farm ²	<u>15,218</u>	<u>12,017</u>	<u>2,178,671</u>	<u>1,988,654</u>
TOTAL			4,310,071	3,670,154
Sorghum				
On Farm			10,700	3,140
Off Farm ²	<u>1,377</u>	<u>1,026</u>	<u>77,162</u>	<u>76,918</u>
TOTAL			87,862	80,058
Soybeans				
On Farm			232,600	217,700
Off Farm ²	<u>5,308</u>	<u>2,397</u>	<u>338,523</u>	<u>401,382</u>
TOTAL			571,123	619,082
All Wheat				
On Farm			209,900	130,915
Off Farm ²	<u>5,710</u>	<u>4,478</u>	<u>765,737</u>	<u>729,866</u>
TOTAL			975,637	860,781

¹ Louisiana on-farm stocks and total stocks not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

² Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

Louisiana Grain Stocks

Total off-farm **sorghum** stocks were estimated at one million bushels, down 25 percent from the previous year.

Off-farm holdings of **corn** totaled 12.0 million bushels, down 21 percent from 2010.

All wheat off-farm stocks totaled 4.5 million bushels, down 22 percent from 2010.

Total off-farm **soybean** stocks were estimated at 2.4 million bushels, compared to 5.3 million bushels in 2010.

United States Grain Stocks

Grain sorghum stored in all positions on June 1, 2011, totaled 80.1 million bushels, down nine percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 3.1 million bushels, are down 71 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 76.9 million bushels, are down slightly from June 1, 2010. The March - May 2011 indicated disappearance from all positions is 91.0 million bushels, up four percent from the same period last year.

Corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2011, totaled 3.7 billion bushels, down 15 percent from June 1, 2010. Of the total stocks, 1.7 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 21 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at two billion bushels, are down nine percent from a year ago. The March - May 2011 indicated disappearance is 2.9 billion bushels, compared with 3.4 billion bushels during the same period last year.

All wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2011, totaled 861 million bushels, down 12 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 131 million bushels, down 38 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 730 million bushels, are down five percent from a year ago. The March - May 2011 indicated disappearance is 565 million bushels, up 48 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Soybeans stored in all positions on June 1, 2011, totaled 619 million bushels, up eight percent from June 1, 2010. On-farm stocks totaled 218 million bushels, down six percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 401 million bushels, are up 19 percent from a year ago. Indicated disappearance for the March - May 2011 quarter totaled 630 million bushels, down ten percent from the same period a year earlier.

Louisiana Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during May totaled 500,000 pounds, unchanged from the previous month and the same as the previous year.

There were 400 head of **cattle** slaughtered during May, unchanged from April but down 100 head from the previous year. Average live weight was 824 pounds, up 35 pounds from the previous month and 50 pounds above May 2010. Total live weight, at 369,000 pounds, was up eight percent from the previous month and five percent above the previous year.

Calves slaughtered during May totaled 400 head, up 100 head from the previous month but the same as the previous year. Live weight averaged 534 pounds, down three pounds from April but one pound above a year ago. Total live weight, at 206,000 pounds, was up 13 percent from April but ten percent below the previous year.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during May totaled 800 head, down 200 head from the previous month but the same as the previous year. Average live weight was 205 pounds, up 14 pounds from April and 26 pounds above the previous year. Total live weight was 162,000 pounds, down 11 percent from April but 15 percent above the previous year.

The number of **sheep** slaughtered during May was 200 head, unchanged from the previous month but 100 head below the previous year. Live weight averaged 58 pounds, down four pounds from the previous month and two pounds below the previous year.

United States Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.91 billion pounds in May, up five percent from the 3.8 billion pounds produced in May 2010.

May 2011 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. **May 2010** contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.2 billion pounds, was two percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.9 million head, up one percent from May 2010. The average live weight was up three pounds from the previous year, at 1,253 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.3 million pounds, two percent above May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 61,100 head, up one percent from May 2010. The average live weight was up two pounds from last year, at 288 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.8 billion pounds, up nine percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.5 million head, up seven percent from May 2010. The average live weight was up three pounds from the previous year, at 275 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.9 million pounds, was up two percent from May 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 179,400 head, two percent below last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up four pounds from May a year ago.

January to May 2011 commercial red meat production was 20.0 billion pounds, up two percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up one percent from last year; veal was down three percent; pork was up two percent from last year and lamb and mutton production was down seven percent.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter and Meat Production

Item	Louisiana					United States			
	April	May		January – May		May		January – May	
	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	----- Number, thousand head -----					----- Number, thousand head -----			
Cattle	0.4	0.5	0.4	2.3	2.1	2,784.1	2,818.1	13,793.9	13,854.7
Calves	0.3	0.4	0.4	2.1	1.8	60.3	61.1	365.6	333.5
Hogs	1.0	0.8	0.8	5.1	4.8	7,971.6	8,541.8	44,657.7	44,658.7
Sheep & Lambs	0.2	0.3	0.2	1.5	1.1	182.9	179.4	1,001.7	896.2
	----- Total live weight, thousand pounds -----					----- Total live weight, thousand pounds -----			
Cattle	341	351	369	1,767	1,818	3,467,523	3,519,883	17,452,505	17,595,452
Calves	182	229	206	1,196	989	16,989	17,326	93,584	90,696
Hogs	183	141	162	994	946	2,167,704	2,351,270	12,123,629	12,369,702
Sheep & Lambs	15	18	13	107	75	25,398	25,668	137,377	126,585
	----- Average live weight, pounds -----					----- Average live weight, pounds -----			
Cattle	789	774	824	768	866	1,250	1,253	1,270	1,274
Calves	537	533	534	570	549	286	288	259	278
Hogs	191	179	205	195	197	272	275	272	277
Sheep & Lambs	62	60	58	71	68	139	143	137	141
	----- Million pounds -----					----- Million pounds -----			
Red Meat	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.5	2.5	3,731.2	3,914.3	19,678.1	19,983.0

Prices Received Index Up

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June, at 181 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased seven points from May. The Crop Index was up 12 points but the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received higher prices for milk, corn and broccoli, and lower prices for cattle, lettuce, wheat and strawberries. In addition to prices, the overall index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a three-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, hay, grapes and peaches offset decreased marketings of corn, cattle, oranges and milk.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index was up 46 points from June 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 172, increased seven points from last month and 38 points from June 2010.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The June Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates was 204 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index was unchanged from May but was 23 points above June 2010. Higher prices in June for complete feeds, feed grains, nitrogen and other services offset lower prices for feeder cattle, diesel, feeder pigs and gasoline.

Average Prices Received By Farmers

Item	Louisiana			United States		
	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
	June 2010	May 2011	June 2011 ¹	June 2010	May 2011	June 2011 ¹
	Dollars			Dollars		
Soybeans, per bushel	7.68	12.80	2/	9.45	13.20	13.30
Sorghum, per cwt	2/	2/	2/	5.38	11.60	11.80
Rice, per cwt	11.50	12.20	11.30	13.20	12.40	12.00
Upland Cotton, per pound	.675	.793	.793 ³	.685	.813	.796 ³
Hay, all, baled, per ton	n/a	n/a	n/a	114.00	169.00	163.00
Beef Cattle, per cwt ⁴	66.80	5/	5/	90.40	112.00	106.00
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	95.80	5/	5/	94.80	115.00	108.00
Cows, per cwt ⁶	53.80	5/	5/	57.90	78.20	77.20
Calves, per cwt	106.00	5/	5/	122.00	137.00	129.00
Broilers, live, per pound	n/a	n/a	n/a	.520	.500	.500
Eggs, All, per dozen	n/a	n/a	n/a	.619	.823	.883
Milk, All, per cwt ⁷	n/a	n/a	n/a	15.40	19.60	21.00

¹ Mid-month.

² Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

³ Preliminary prices are based on sales during the first half of the month.

⁴ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

⁵ Estimates discontinued in 2011.

⁶ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

⁷ Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity and other premiums.

n/a = not available.

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